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Hon. Tonianne J. Bongiovanni, U.S.M.J.
Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse
402 East State Street, Court Room 7W
Trenton, NJ 08608

RE: Conforti v. Hanlon, Case 3:20-cv-08267-ZNQ-TJB
Request for Order Dismissing the Gloucester County Clerk

Dear Judge Bongiovanni,

This firm represents the Plaintiffs in the above-captioned matter. Pursuant to Your Honor's instructions at the Rule 26 Discovery Conference held on June 13, 2023, we reached out to Mr. Carbone, who is representing the Gloucester County Clerk in connection with this matter. We advised Mr. Carbone that we would be seeking administrative termination of his client, and inquired as to whether he would have any objection. Mr. Carbone responded that he did not have any objection. We thus write to respectfully request that the Court enter an order dismissing the Gloucester County Clerk from this case.

By way of background the Gloucester County Clerk was granted leave to intervene early in the case. (ECF 62). The Gloucester County Clerk did not file a motion to dismiss. He did, however, file a tardy "*amicus curiae*" brief, on June 29, 2021, which he later withdrew with the Court's approval. (ECF 106, 107). Subsequently, the Gloucester County Clerk has not clarified in what capacity, if any, it wished to continue to participate in this case; has not submitted an Answer or other responsive pleading; did not participate in any of the deliberations related to the Rule 26 discovery conference held on June 13, 2023; and did not enter an appearance at same.

In light of the foregoing circumstances, and given his consent, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter an order dismissing Gloucester County Clerk James N. Hogan (not to be confused with John Hogan, the Bergen Clerk) from this case.

Thank you for the Court's consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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